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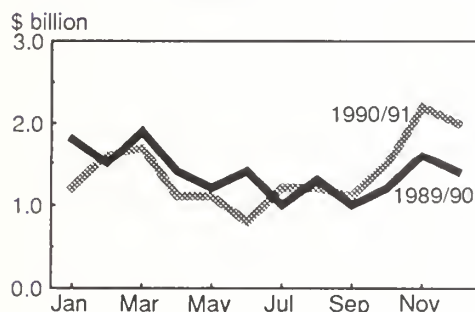
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



Agricultural Trade Surplus Down in December -- The U.S. agricultural trade surplus dropped 9 percent in December to \$2.0 billion. It was, however, the second highest trade surplus during calendar year 1991. Falling exports combined with rising imports brought about a \$196 million decline. The cumulative calendar 1991 trade surplus totaled \$16.5 billion, only \$130 million lower than the 1990 level (table 3).

Agricultural Exports Fell in December -- December's exports fell 3 percent from November's very high levels (see January's *U.S. Agricultural Trade Update*). The \$125 million fall was a result of smaller wheat, corn, meat, fruit and vegetable exports. Soybeans, cotton, tobacco, hides, and skins increased during the month. Exports for calendar 1991 dropped less than half a percent from 1990 to \$39.2 billion. Wheat, corn, and cotton exports decreased during 1991.

Wheat exports fell 8 percent in December. At \$357 million, they were \$33 million lower than November, but higher than any other month in 1991 prior to October. Volume fell 642,000 tons to 3.1 million tons. About one-third of the wheat shipped in December went to the former Soviet Union. It received just under 1 million tons. Egypt received about 370,000 tons, and China and Pakistan each received over 200,000 tons.

Exports of corn also fell. Value fell \$60 million to \$363 million. Volume fell 576,000 tons to 3.2 million tons. Shipments to Japan, at 1.1 million tons, were about the same level as last month. Shipments to the former USSR, which were also over 1 million tons last month, fell to 264,000 tons. Corn exports to Taiwan almost doubled to over 700,000 tons. Corn exports for calendar 1991 were 18 percent lower than 1990, totaling \$4.9 billion.

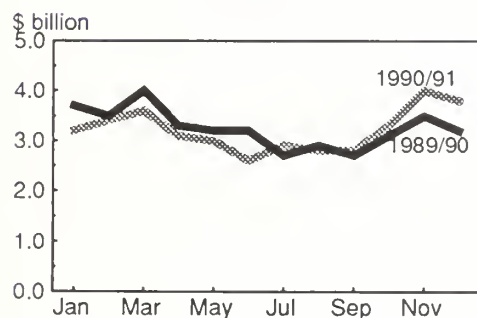
Soybean exports rose another \$26 million in December from very high November levels. At \$572 million, December had the highest value since February 1988. Volume rose 147,000 tons to 2.6 million tons. Exports to the European Community, about 1.2 million tons, mostly went to the Netherlands and Spain. Japan received about 525,000 tons, and Korea received almost 400,000 tons. Calendar year 1991 soybean exports rose 11 percent over 1990 to \$4.0 billion. Soybean was the only major bulk commodity to increase exports over 1990 levels.

Cotton also increased in December. At \$269 million, cotton exports were at their highest level since March. Volume rose 45,000 tons to 172,000. Major markets included Japan, China, and Korea. The value of cotton exports fell 11 percent in calendar 1991 to \$2.5 billion.

Agricultural Imports Rose -- Agricultural imports rose 4 percent in December to \$1.9 billion. Higher imports of sugar, cocoa, coffee, tobacco, fruits, and vegetables offset lower meat, live animal, and vegetable oil imports. Imports for all of 1991 totaled \$22.7 billion, about the same level as calendar 1990. (Susan Pollack, 202-219-0822)

Canada and Mexico Leading Sources of Agricultural Imports -- In fiscal 1991 (October-September), Canada and Mexico were the leading countries for U.S. agricultural imports (table 4). They have continuously ranked as the top two import countries since fiscal 1985 as the values of meats (from Canada) and fruits and vegetables (from Mexico) have increased faster than coffee. During the early 1980's, Brazil, the primary supplier of coffee, topped the list.

Exports



Imports

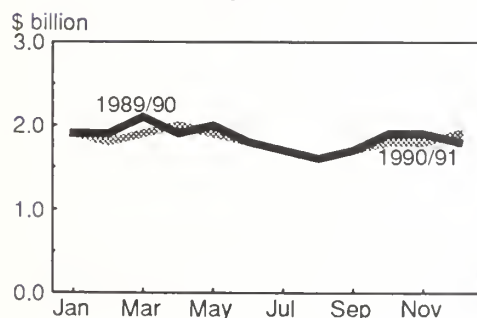


Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	39,363,268	39,191,330	--	--	3,165,041	3,902,466
Animals & animal prods (NA)	--	--	6,712,315	7,008,874	--	--	542,676	670,453
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	--	--	412,565	575,053	--	--	56,157	83,652
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	120	311	88,473	187,053	12	29	8,454	17,896
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	85	92	267,380	304,920	7	8	42,945	59,676
Swine - live (NO)	57	268	10,136	26,747	7	29	1,161	2,137
Sheep, live (NO)	473	810	15,705	24,543	43	84	1,424	2,429
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	30,871	31,790	--	--	2,173	1,514
Meats & meat prods (MT)	852	984	2,557,754	2,854,141	70	90	213,318	244,374
Beef & veal (MT)	344	406	1,578,537	1,757,571	27	34	128,472	142,381
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	336	395	1,543,588	1,720,398	27	33	124,974	138,750
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	8	10	34,949	37,174	1	1	3,497	3,631
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	55	48	155,830	141,434	5	4	14,056	11,332
Pork (MT)	82	94	326,896	334,442	8	10	30,162	30,729
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	67	76	287,522	287,932	7	8	25,744	26,051
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	15	18	39,373	46,510	2	2	4,418	4,678
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	252	303	389,062	490,385	20	28	31,040	47,217
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	119	132	107,430	130,308	9	14	9,588	12,715
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	--	--	954,295	1,094,147	--	--	71,682	111,201
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	101,218	111,510	--	--	7,590	9,363
Baby chicks (NO)	44,382	48,659	84,874	94,589	4,341	5,022	6,879	8,009
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	16,344	16,921	--	--	711	1,354
Poultry meats (MT)	605	680	720,741	818,051	45	80	52,535	84,560
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	538	583	589,757	638,464	39	70	41,884	68,257
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	25	47	33,558	69,812	2	6	3,436	9,101
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	14	15	15,338	15,998	1	1	1,060	1,043
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	29	34	82,088	93,778	3	3	6,155	8,459
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	30,357	21,219	0	0	1,815	2,704
Eggs (NA)	--	--	101,979	143,367	--	--	9,743	12,273
Dairy prods (NA)	--	--	325,233	379,778	--	--	16,655	69,307
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	4	3	3,588	2,418	0	0	244	107
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	11	49	18,395	71,486	0	21	464	35,754
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	57	23	88,639	33,772	1	10	1,754	13,963
Cheese (MT)	12	12	38,726	36,398	1	1	2,767	3,757
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	39,228	67,198	--	--	3,572	2,839
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	136,657	168,506	--	--	7,854	12,886
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,175	1,227	424,190	442,352	105	110	38,439	39,457
Lard (MT)	53	67	24,505	29,745	7	8	3,119	3,466
Tallow - inedible (MT)	920	878	311,907	291,469	82	76	28,646	24,487
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	202	282	87,778	121,138	16	25	6,674	11,504
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,747,054	1,375,229	--	--	118,992	101,517
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	23,060	20,985	1,396,384	1,122,604	1,859	1,582	105,752	85,165
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	31,701	16,971	--	--	2,163	2,144
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	174,685	129,122	--	--	7,314	11,355
Furskins (NA)	--	--	144,284	106,531	--	--	3,763	2,853
Mink pelts (NO)	4,794	3,874	103,242	72,816	92	19	2,544	4,401
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	41,042	33,715	--	--	1,219	2,453
Wool & mohair (MT)	7	7	25,486	20,743	0	0	998	1,413
Sausage casings (MT)	13	19	32,273	36,237	1	1	2,783	3,254
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	57,835	46,505	--	--	5,357	2,570
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	175,630	184,691	--	--	18,294	13,709
Grains & feeds (MT)	104,407	104,196	14,402,791	12,769,383	7,150	8,517	920,363	1,135,030
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	27,457	30,922	3,833,784	3,291,793	1,535	3,069	179,137	356,818
Wheat flour (MT)	799	987	178,331	185,939	89	65	15,454	12,421
Bulgar wheat (MT)	10	11	2,091	2,587	0	1	7	155
Other wheat prods (MT)	19	29	18,558	30,681	2	3	2,570	3,064
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,509	2,319	799,770	752,169	293	227	77,297	74,538
Feed grains & prods (MT)	61,397	52,369	7,150,601	5,861,157	4,344	4,172	458,677	472,908
Feed grains (MT)	60,934	51,807	7,025,776	5,722,093	4,311	4,149	448,377	465,593
Barley (MT)	2,147	1,535	244,598	155,375	265	173	25,040	18,023
Corn (MT)	52,004	44,361	6,027,083	4,915,437	3,598	3,214	377,903	362,783
Grain sorghums (MT)	6,766	5,903	752,016	650,121	447	761	45,397	84,730
Oats (MT)	10	8	1,374	1,082	0	0	38	58
Rye (MT)	7	1	704	77	0	0	0	0
Feed grain prods (MT)	463	561	124,825	139,064	33	24	10,300	7,315
Popcorn (MT)	73	93	41,306	51,025	7	8	3,619	4,576
Blended food prods (MT)	307	274	87,438	80,100	8	9	2,319	3,121
Other grain prods (MT)	587	852	440,905	570,495	34	91	36,592	52,146
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	11,248	16,340	1,850,008	1,943,437	838	871	144,692	155,282
Corn by-products (MT)	5,785	6,058	789,405	842,693	437	406	63,409	59,826
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	538	583	86,189	90,955	38	43	6,372	5,856
Beet pulp (MT)	549	624	66,734	70,393	59	76	6,626	9,370
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	552	545	61,563	76,454	60	61	6,473	7,760
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,824	8,530	846,117	862,942	244	285	61,811	72,470
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,482	2,397	2,007,953	2,142,801	202	205	155,635	168,052
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,093	1,938	1,486,489	1,561,053	166	170	111,418	120,876
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	993	816	565,796	593,134	77	66	44,127	40,680
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	321	467	178,496	273,109	32	30	17,374	15,498
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	141	120	103,381	130,197	8	9	4,526	7,168
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	531	228	283,286	189,201	37	27	22,152	17,911
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,100	1,122	920,693	967,919	89	104	67,291	80,196
Apples - fresh (MT)	379	414	213,358	262,846	51	63	31,233	41,479
Grapes - fresh (MT)	206	200	215,929	217,850	16	19	18,541	21,682
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	515	508	491,407	487,223	22	22	17,517	17,035
Fruits - dried (MT)	212	248	318,329	337,030	22	19	28,433	26,810
Raisins - dried (MT)	121	133	176,178	181,912	11	9	12,973	12,635
Prunes - dried (MT)	80	100	118,398	125,841	10	9	12,373	11,613
Other dried fruits (MT)	11	15	23,754	29,277	1	1	2,087	2,562

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Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	85	110	90,151	116,353	7	9	7,082	11,127
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	39	33	41,980	34,435	3	1	3,158	2,168
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	52	67	71,003	93,930	4	6	5,544	7,071
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	6,352	6,631	351,055	354,751	528	613	28,714	32,649
Orange juice (HL)	3,535	3,669	176,848	175,810	336	353	16,573	16,823
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,817	2,963	174,207	178,941	192	260	12,141	15,825
Wine (HL)	920	1,053	120,431	139,024	59	78	8,308	10,072
Nuts & prep (MT)	555	512	975,777	1,020,416	47	53	87,477	110,064
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	188	195	564,193	581,224	20	20	55,705	63,751
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	267	202	176,979	154,398	20	24	12,657	19,123
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	63	66	130,204	136,417	3	4	7,080	9,393
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	8	11	30,217	41,567	1	1	2,128	2,772
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	29	38	74,184	106,808	4	5	9,908	15,024
Vegetables & prep (NA)	--	--	2,302,448	2,615,358	--	--	210,261	234,112
Vegetables - fr (MT)	1,297	1,403	696,250	801,240	123	121	63,256	64,816
Celery - fresh (MT)	101	111	36,834	39,544	12	13	4,432	3,728
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	58	63	37,242	45,954	6	5	4,681	5,386
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	239	295	114,373	132,857	28	29	10,229	12,194
Onions - fresh (MT)	148	143	46,916	51,717	20	14	6,357	4,666
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	148	155	61,443	68,275	5	7	2,068	2,182
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	133	136	84,828	110,435	12	11	7,966	6,451
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	469	500	314,615	352,458	40	42	27,523	30,208
Vegetables - froz (MT)	316	304	255,875	246,448	24	29	19,482	22,895
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	59	58	47,515	46,299	5	6	3,894	4,707
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	191	176	141,422	129,796	14	17	10,548	12,135
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	66	70	66,939	70,354	5	6	5,041	6,054
Vegetables - canned (MT)	213	241	184,085	207,907	20	22	18,366	18,723
Pulses (MT)	678	575	354,118	269,218	71	85	37,169	33,278
Dried beans (MT)	496	446	285,354	213,197	61	66	32,800	27,618
Dried peas (MT)	121	93	39,636	36,135	6	16	2,477	4,170
Dried lentils (MT)	60	36	29,128	19,886	4	3	1,892	1,490
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	11	10	76,545	78,786	1	1	7,445	7,173
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	735,574	1,011,760	--	--	64,543	87,228
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	21,849	25,243	5,684,458	6,357,614	2,022	3,458	499,430	829,314
Oilcake & meal (MT)	4,868	5,907	1,028,912	1,224,659	423	643	85,525	139,642
Soybean meal (MT)	4,600	5,254	992,489	1,137,489	401	581	82,929	131,542
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	268	653	36,423	87,170	22	62	2,596	8,099
Oilseeds (MT)	15,778	18,182	3,847,638	4,365,398	1,534	2,697	368,009	617,900
Soybeans (MT)	15,359	17,531	3,551,499	3,957,248	1,502	2,593	343,034	572,249
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	101	101	57,179	57,171	13	29	7,589	9,191
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	63	74	43,306	46,592	4	6	3,049	3,928
Other oilseeds (MT)	176	347	55,613	100,583	8	60	3,021	12,869
Protein substances (MT)	78	130	140,041	203,804	7	9	11,317	19,663
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,204	1,154	807,907	767,558	65	118	45,896	71,772
Soybean oil (MT)	535	443	312,619	222,296	6	57	3,927	25,809
Cottonseed oil (MT)	137	89	69,301	46,389	21	9	9,721	4,242
Sunflower oil (MT)	148	156	81,702	80,539	7	5	3,617	2,634
Corn oil (MT)	204	236	137,609	163,486	19	24	13,576	16,227
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	179	231	206,677	254,847	12	23	15,054	22,859
Tobacco - unmf (MT)	223	226	1,441,174	1,427,631	31	26	193,184	155,693
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	52	64	358,278	458,930	1	1	6,394	7,016
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	131	116	885,148	777,952	25	21	171,517	132,188
Other tobacco - unmf (MT)	40	47	197,749	190,750	4	5	15,273	16,489
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,696	1,514	2,782,682	2,479,798	167	172	282,794	269,138
Cotton linters (MT)	37	29	15,813	12,201	4	3	1,579	1,150
Essential oils (MT)	14	13	183,467	184,562	1	1	16,163	16,365
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	542	558	582,032	664,659	48	62	70,345	102,684
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	--	--	874,575	922,707	--	--	75,891	77,015
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	433,974	444,756	--	--	40,035	35,474
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	465	564	193,381	201,501	44	34	16,920	11,438
Related sugar prods (NA)	--	--	240,593	243,255	--	--	23,115	24,037
Coffee (MT)	16	19	87,806	97,635	1	2	6,187	7,408
Cocoa (MT)	23	17	56,580	39,893	2	1	4,129	3,731
Chocolate & prep (MT)	53	61	181,189	199,756	5	6	17,263	21,469
Tea & mate (MT)	9	13	42,441	61,820	1	1	3,016	3,734
Spices (MT)	13	15	35,924	38,675	1	1	2,530	2,574
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	17	20	33,306	36,201	1	1	2,611	2,412
Other misc veg prods (MT)	32	32	244,131	266,103	3	2	24,048	22,907
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	200,554	213,517	--	--	15,442	15,645
Beverages ex juices (NA)	--	--	481,614	611,931	--	--	32,733	52,124
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	13,812,799	13,862,688	--	--	1,194,497	936,164
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,606,377	3,012,545	--	--	278,188	234,994
Fish & shellfish (MT)	871	1,070	2,780,701	3,041,047	31	43	126,693	165,868
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	660	704	1,719,141	1,958,883	18	21	50,983	74,178
Shellfish (MT)	151	165	803,103	880,579	12	14	65,995	83,147
Other fish prods (MT)	60	202	258,456	201,585	2	8	9,716	8,544
Ag chemicals (MT)	276	234	1,344,509	1,263,503	15	16	98,946	98,925
Fungicides (MT)	23	23	194,486	183,774	2	2	17,126	19,192
Herbicides (MT)	126	88	608,489	475,173	3	4	30,854	29,759
Insecticides (MT)	56	62	242,251	284,369	4	4	15,745	18,630
Other pesticides (MT)	71	61	299,284	320,187	7	6	35,221	31,345
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,041,022	1,971,507	--	--	148,880	157,910
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	30	26	671,158	637,074	2	2	45,276	52,722
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	1,369,864	1,334,433	--	--	103,604	105,188
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	5,040,190	4,574,086	--	--	541,789	278,466

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity, continued

Commodity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	22,770,063	22,718,956	--	--	1,809,865	1,948,053
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	5,545,758	5,568,530	--	--	453,885	525,260
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,269	3,414	937,972	1,005,230	268	297	77,207	83,914
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,214	1,161	1,915,409	1,858,633	99	130	161,756	190,430
Cocoa & prods (MT)	716	753	1,071,796	1,080,240	49	73	79,541	109,457
Tea (MT)	83	105	147,862	153,091	8	10	11,833	13,318
Spices (MT)	109	123	247,899	283,315	9	12	20,297	29,095
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	840	798	707,068	663,248	76	70	64,150	56,577
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	8,570	6,606	0	0	444	535
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	12	10	36,249	23,522	0	1	929	1,410
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	99	87	44,760	43,044	6	6	2,949	3,360
Essential oils (MT)	32	20	154,485	162,348	1	4	11,211	15,132
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	61	55	273,015	288,288	5	4	23,556	21,925
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	671	965	--	--	11	106
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	17,224,306	17,150,426	--	--	1,355,980	1,422,793
Animals & prods (NA)	--	--	5,638,521	5,528,549	--	--	472,228	441,204
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	3,076	3,053	1,131,320	1,121,129	318	273	115,518	106,461
Cattle (NO)	2,135	1,939	978,297	951,570	249	186	102,266	90,793
Horses & mules (NO)	11	13	55,821	57,521	1	1	6,513	8,099
Swine (NO)	888	1,058	95,107	110,396	65	83	6,588	7,415
Sheep, live (NO)	25	23	1,777	1,553	2	2	95	144
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	1,165	1,147	2,926,395	2,883,233	96	77	238,577	190,198
Beef & veal (MT)	767	783	1,870,663	1,962,519	67	50	161,104	125,716
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	699	710	1,668,665	1,694,578	62	43	143,531	101,489
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	68	73	201,998	267,941	5	7	17,573	24,227
Pork (MT)	349	308	939,592	796,555	25	23	67,693	54,698
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	234	216	511,240	462,716	17	16	37,241	29,946
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	116	92	428,352	333,838	8	7	30,452	24,752
Mutton goat & lamb (MT)	19	19	39,664	38,033	2	1	3,766	3,137
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	12	20	21,120	30,543	1	1	2,082	2,020
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	1	2	7,475	14,427	0	0	1,052	1,777
Other meats & prods (MT)	16	14	47,788	41,137	1	1	2,882	2,850
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	122,835	127,654	--	--	7,331	11,219
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	15,138	14,575	--	--	1,218	1,700
Poultry meat (MT)	4	5	19,178	18,560	0	0	919	1,822
Eggs (NA)	--	--	23,617	20,137	--	--	1,168	2,102
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	11	15	64,903	74,382	1	1	4,025	5,589
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	910,106	809,220	--	--	67,739	77,375
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	16	12	16,043	10,373	1	1	608	641
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	2	1	3,756	2,185	1	0	1,526	288
Cheese (MT)	137	136	439,256	419,609	11	16	37,753	46,977
Casein & mixtures (MT)	88	89	381,356	312,522	5	7	21,037	24,827
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	69,696	64,530	--	--	6,815	4,642
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	21	37	15,826	20,536	2	3	1,554	1,869
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	171,296	165,804	--	--	11,835	16,618
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	7	4	31,463	15,819	0	0	1,840	1,641
Other hides & skins (NA)	--	--	61,588	93,425	--	--	4,631	10,111
Furskins (NA)	--	--	78,244	56,560	--	--	5,364	4,866
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	31	42	134,224	146,657	2	5	9,039	15,227
Sausage casings (MT)	13	15	53,294	61,224	1	1	3,881	4,249
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	3,067	2,743	--	--	182	221
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	170,159	190,349	--	--	16,572	17,767
Grains & feeds (MT)	3,539	4,394	1,182,720	1,308,964	342	392	101,502	115,718
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	633	559	79,855	65,595	73	96	8,205	11,163
Corn, unmilled (MT)	40	252	5,147	24,621	1	35	108	3,332
Oats, unmilled (MT)	925	1,107	84,193	88,671	79	58	8,411	4,940
Barley, unmilled (MT)	218	493	33,984	52,048	28	40	3,551	3,699
Rice (MT)	148	161	71,241	79,988	13	15	6,390	7,064
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	155	155	340,681	360,477	12	12	28,117	28,338
Pasta & noodles (MT)	145	156	136,217	156,869	12	14	11,941	13,863
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	171,549	212,473	--	--	14,907	19,448
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	972	1,110	259,853	268,221	88	93	19,872	23,873
Fruits & preps (MT)	1,970	2,151	1,228,334	1,345,387	137	173	85,991	110,745
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	1,460	1,628	806,730	879,442	96	113	51,533	58,694
Strawberries (MT)	47	46	44,704	46,014	2	3	2,435	3,185
Apples, fresh (MT)	106	120	40,252	47,734	6	7	1,866	2,504
Citrus, fresh (MT)	101	181	28,654	79,153	17	24	6,113	15,340
Grapes, fresh (MT)	374	332	280,663	253,906	16	11	13,910	9,712
Mangoes (MT)	59	92	58,157	63,836	0	1	533	917
Melons (MT)	436	509	123,364	152,718	30	41	9,523	11,051
Pineapples (MT)	116	117	46,971	42,818	9	10	3,510	3,634
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	221	231	183,965	193,263	16	15	13,642	12,351
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	510	522	421,604	465,945	41	60	34,458	52,051
Pineapples - canned or prep (M	281	292	171,077	191,688	23	34	14,170	21,050
Other fruits - prep or pres (M	229	230	250,526	274,257	18	26	20,288	31,001
Orange juice (HL)	17,886	12,375	641,347	295,240	1,079	1,066	26,475	33,685
Other fruit juices (HL)	15,240	15,566	348,869	489,878	1,624	1,747	39,254	61,570
Nuts & preps (MT)	161	158	401,401	426,112	16	14	44,701	36,866
Brazil nuts (MT)	12	9	18,460	14,489	0	0	1,205	564
Cashew nuts (MT)	55	50	229,834	247,609	5	4	23,210	19,706
Chestnuts (MT)	3	4	9,159	10,700	1	1	2,043	2,636
Coconut meat (MT)	49	47	40,055	38,668	5	4	3,802	3,626
Filberts (MT)	0	0	795	761	0	0	120	130
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	2	23,162	12,253	1	0	4,844	1,337
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	0	4,211	1,691	0	0	94	35
Other nuts (MT)	38	45	75,724	99,942	5	4	9,383	8,831

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
Vegetables & preps (NA)	--	--	2,268,053	2,212,634	--	--	186,520	198,624
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	1,807	1,839	1,203,908	1,105,670	164	164	91,888	95,695
Tomatoes (MT)	361	361	377,680	260,213	20	14	10,603	6,878
Asparagus (MT)	20	24	28,597	32,845	1	1	1,825	1,840
Beans (MT)	20	16	23,058	14,274	3	3	3,196	2,127
Carrots (MT)	56	62	12,646	17,873	6	9	1,769	2,417
Cucumbers (MT)	179	174	68,952	78,494	29	29	10,815	11,664
Eggplant (MT)	16	20	16,917	13,899	2	3	1,372	2,163
Garlic (MT)	18	19	17,202	22,939	0	0	77	148
Lettuce (MT)	13	13	5,049	5,793	1	1	486	375
Onions (MT)	170	222	77,062	102,965	9	14	8,472	9,455
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	38	34	44,939	35,594	3	3	3,450	2,428
Peppers (MT)	136	135	158,918	141,282	13	14	12,328	13,103
Potatoes (MT)	282	276	84,811	74,896	29	16	7,007	5,216
Squash (MT)	78	81	44,676	50,876	11	14	7,001	8,675
Other vgs - fr or froz (MT)	419	401	243,402	253,727	35	44	23,489	29,204
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	1,064,145	1,106,965	--	--	94,632	102,929
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	67	69	136,308	134,232	6	7	12,376	10,623
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	47	55	119,371	128,943	5	5	11,166	11,481
Hops, incl extract (MT)	8	10	37,418	38,880	1	1	3,261	3,851
Artichokes - prep (MT)	16	14	28,647	22,010	5	1	8,427	1,969
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,899	1,510	0	0	34	355
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (147	107	129,123	81,723	6	5	5,143	5,107
Waterchestnuts (MT)	34	38	26,635	29,828	2	3	1,676	2,372
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	58	46	32,729	29,179	3	4	1,852	2,524
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	552,016	640,659	--	--	50,698	64,648
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	1,171,790	1,064,693	--	--	69,605	86,800
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,856	1,613	776,521	639,386	91	130	37,909	52,021
Molasses (HL)	8,014	9,363	81,327	79,968	631	650	7,788	5,468
Confectionery prods (MT)	107	110	194,710	221,435	8	9	14,500	19,055
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	265	270	119,233	123,904	20	21	9,408	10,257
Spices (MT)	20	18	28,823	33,876	1	1	1,547	3,047
Tobacco - unmf (MT)	187	227	583,347	735,927	10	11	32,438	30,315
Tobacco - filler (MT)	169	199	567,352	711,053	9	9	31,506	27,363
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	18	26	7,156	12,615	1	2	276	1,276
Other tobacco (MT)	1	2	8,839	12,259	0	0	655	1,676
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	13,692	12,774	1,900,895	1,824,876	997	1,012	147,084	144,814
Wine (HL)	2,510	2,304	916,864	914,872	190	185	78,587	73,819
Malt beverages (HL)	10,382	9,305	922,934	825,400	739	706	64,020	62,138
Other beverages (HL)	800	1,166	61,097	84,605	68	121	4,676	8,857
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	2,008	2,120	948,905	974,434	158	172	74,747	81,836
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	510	409	195,912	139,984	34	19	11,028	8,350
Flaxseed (MT)	101	69	29,105	13,652	16	1	3,342	142
Sesameseed (MT)	43	36	56,869	40,643	3	4	3,201	4,178
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	366	304	109,938	85,689	15	15	4,485	4,030
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,183	1,207	704,964	765,863	101	92	60,541	65,930
Castor oil (MT)	31	35	29,609	27,112	0	1	16	342
Coconut oil (MT)	452	391	160,637	131,642	59	27	17,234	11,915
Olive oil (MT)	97	99	202,333	225,830	11	8	23,837	21,228
Palm oil (MT)	130	114	34,423	38,567	6	4	1,588	1,197
Palm kernel oil (MT)	154	146	58,881	55,059	3	7	1,458	2,538
Other vegetable oils (MT)	317	424	219,081	287,654	22	46	16,407	28,710
Oilcake & meal (MT)	316	503	48,029	68,587	23	61	3,178	7,555
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	0	3	484	3,504	0	0	0	8
Cotton linters (MT)	28	15	19,460	12,371	1	1	938	589
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	168	176	166,285	180,157	8	9	12,938	16,824
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	312,028	310,410	--	--	24,502	23,781
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	215,422	226,238	--	--	18,292	20,852
Other vegetable prods (MT)	46	37	167,621	177,176	5	3	17,219	15,512
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	10,035,489	9,909,531	--	--	848,304	800,465
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	17,568	18,224	1,512,392	1,535,978	1,441	1,578	131,823	123,262
Potassium (MT)	7,119	7,659	558,484	560,426	626	619	50,359	41,362
Phosphate (MT)	4,723	5,368	323,936	363,062	377	436	26,786	26,155
Fish (MT)	1,378	1,372	5,213,849	5,526,886	106	106	467,045	450,323
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	920	934	2,600,722	2,684,883	68	71	211,773	194,571
Shellfish (MT)	346	357	2,555,079	2,785,242	31	32	250,109	251,616
Fish prods, other (MT)	112	80	58,048	56,761	7	2	5,162	4,136
Ag chemicals (MT)	93	82	496,312	516,813	7	7	34,004	45,934
Fungicides (MT)	23	20	54,044	55,448	1	1	3,287	3,554
Herbicides (MT)	25	20	144,191	134,741	2	2	8,091	7,241
Insecticides (MT)	3	5	31,528	40,358	0	0	2,206	4,028
Other pesticides (MT)	42	37	266,549	286,266	4	4	20,420	31,111
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,718,633	2,130,446	--	--	206,990	153,424
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	1,634	1,434	1,392,219	1,090,555	130	135	111,118	66,299
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	1,326,414	1,039,891	--	--	95,872	87,125
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	94,303	199,409	--	--	8,443	27,523

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,396	4,028	3,902	39,191	-0.4
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,962	1,978	2,153	24,306	-1.0
Imports (Customs val.)	1,939	1,878	1,948	22,719	-0.2
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,434	2,050	1,749	14,885	0.5
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,457	2,150	1,954	16,472	-0.7

Preliminary data.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,396	4,028	3,902	39,191	-0.4
Live animals	68	98	93	687	33.6
Meat & preps	353	343	331	3,672	12.0
Dairy prod & eggs	54	43	82	523	22.5
Animal fats	41	38	39	442	4.3
Hides & skins	108	91	102	1,375	-21.3
Wheat	371	390	357	3,292	-14.1
Rice	63	100	75	752	-6.0
Corn	390	423	363	4,915	-18.4
Other feed grains	75	74	103	807	-19.2
Animal feeds	255	349	295	3,168	10.0
Soybeans	309	546	572	3,957	11.4
Vegetable oils	52	83	72	768	-5.0
Horticult. prods.	785	766	710	7,549	10.7
Cotton & linters	90	205	270	2,492	-11.0
Tobacco, unmfng.	68	151	156	1,428	-0.9

Preliminary data.

Table 4--Leading sources for U.S. agricultural imports

Country	Fiscal 1990	Fiscal 1991	Percent change
	Million dollars		Pct.
1. Canada	3,096	3,215	3.8
2. Mexico	2,581	2,536	-1.7
3. Brazil	1,548	1,319	-14.8
4. Australia	1,166	1,278	9.6
5. New Zealand	818	856	4.6
6. Netherlands	836	783	-6.3
7. Colombia	791	766	-3.2
8. Italy	681	744	9.3
9. France	743	726	-2.3
10. Indonesia	683	658	-3.7
Total imports	22,560	22,588	0.1

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,939	1,878	1,948	22,719	-0.2
Live animals	100	130	108	1,136	-0.9
Meat & preps.	220	211	192	2,902	-1.5
Dairy prod, eggs	79	76	79	829	-11.2
Grains & feeds	144	122	116	1,309	0.7
Fruits & nuts	266	292	327	3,562	0.1
Vegetables	145	160	199	2,213	-2.4
Vegetable oils	72	66	66	766	8.6
Wine	127	115	74	915	-0.2
Malt beverages	69	64	62	825	-10.6
Coffee	129	149	190	1,859	-3.0
Cocoa	108	102	109	1,080	0.8
Rubber, natural	65	59	57	663	-6.2
Sugar-cane & beet	10	26	52	639	-17.7
Tobacco, unmfng.	105	27	30	736	26.2
Seeds, flowers	64	69	61	717	3.3

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